

The BRIGHTON CONNECTION

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CITY OF BRIGHTON SNOW PLOWING 101

By: City of Brighton Streets and Fleet Director Joe Smith

"All storms are the same"....guess again. The recent ice and snow issues from January and February have everyone asking the same question:

"You guys did a great job plowing during the Thanksgiving holiday; what happened in January? There wasn't as much snow but nobody came to clean our streets and it lasted for almost a month."

The recent Feb. 1 and 2 storm presented us with another set of questions and comments due to the large volume of snow that blanketed the City.

Regarding the January snow storm, as we worked to address the snow and ice accumulation, we also evaluated the City's actions in response to the Thanksgiving 2015 snow storm and the Jan. 7, 2016 snow storm. Did you know the City spent more hours working the snowfall of Jan. 7 vs. the Thanksgiving storm?

The January 2016 event was preceded by a heavy snowfall during the Christmas weekend and a week of single digit temperatures. The temperatures that followed were a mix of relative "highs" and very low "lows." This allowed for some snow and ice melt during the day, followed by very cold temperatures at night (coupled with the very cold pavement surface temperatures from the previous week's below freezing temperatures), causing the water from the melted snow to freeze as it hit the snow piles in the gutters.

As a result, this caused us to shift from using trucks with plows to equipment capable of breaking ice out of the intersections and gutters. The City had to utilize heavy equipment, typically only used during construction activity, to address the accumulation of ice in the gutters. The loaders (a loader is a type of tractor that usually has a front-mounted wide-bucket on it) and a road grader (a type of large construction equipment that has a long blade on it that is typically used for grading roads) were used to pull ice away from the curb and to scoop ice out of the intersections. The ice from the intersections were loaded into trucks and dumped in the parking lot of the City's street shop. Removal of ice in a problem area is great but as we pull ice away from the curb we have to ensure that there is adequate drainage away, around and through the area. In most cases, this requires the team to address the whole city block to be sure snow and ice melt water can drain to the storm system.

When the weather forecast calls for a snow event, we look at what the meteorologist expects in terms of moisture and temperature. We prepare the equipment for the specific event and schedule

the crews to appropriately cover the snow storm. The City has enough plow drivers to staff six snow plows on each shift. They run 12 hour shifts to provide "around the clock" coverage throughout a storm.



Now, let's talk about the City owned and operated equipment. Each of the snowplow trucks are also equipped with ice control equipment. We can have all trucks distribute a granular material called Ice Slicer and we have one snowplow truck that can distribute a liquid product called Apex. The Ice Slicer is a compound of four types of salt, mostly sodium chloride, and the Apex is mostly magnesium chloride. We look at the forecast and expected temperatures to determine which type of ice control to use. Though there is not a "typical" snow event, we most often respond with an initial deployment of snowplow trucks where we run 12 hour alternating shifts to keep

five snowplow trucks running around the clock. The amount and type of ice control material we use depends on the temperature of the pavement and the air.

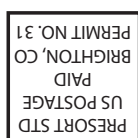
As a reminder, our City Snow Plan indicates that we don't plow residential streets during or after a normal storm. Snow accumulation has to be more than 12 inches and with freezing conditions to activate a snow removal plan that address residential streets. Keep in mind, we can only address residential streets after we addressed all the arterial and neighborhood streets. The City of Brighton snow policy is located on the City of Brighton website at: www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8042.

This policy is consistent with most of the cities along the Front Range. The snow route map used by our streets crews indicates three levels of priority for plowing streets. You can see the route map on the City's website at www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3347. The primary routes are the highest priority followed by secondary routes and neighborhood routes. These route priorities are based on the need to maintain minimized response times for emergency responders. Schools are included in most of the secondary routes.

WHEW! I bet that's more than you wanted to know about snow removal. There are a few items that residents can do to help the City as we address snow storms each year:

1. Be aware of where you (or your contractors) place snow when cleaning areas around your home or business. Please move the snow to areas of grass (or spare parking space of your business); not to the gutter. We believe that more than half of the ice problems we had could have been avoided if everyone had helped to keep the gutters clear by not piling snow there. During more typical storms vs the January storm, the snow typically melts. What's the saying regarding Colorado's weather... "wait five minutes and the weather will change." During the January storm, the cold temperatures allowed the snow melt to freeze and created large ice issues. Remember: the water from the melting snow is good for the grass but keep in mind not to pile snow on your woody plants and shrubs as that may break branches.
2. Please be patient with our snowplow drivers. They are doing their best to make the roads safe. Remember, they don't get the benefit of the ice control falling out of the back of their truck. We don't intend to make you late to your appointment, we are trying to clear as much snow as possible.
3. If you see something that needs attention during or after a snow storm, call our Streets and Fleet Department at 303-655-2087 or 303-655-2034. You may also go online to submit a work request at www.brightonco.gov/requesttracker.aspx.

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Mayor McLean Delivers State of the City Address

Mayor Dick McLean delivered the 2016 State of the City address on Feb. 11 at the Armory Performing Arts Center.

After introductions, Mayor McLean showed a video featuring each department announcing a new project or improvement coming in 2016.

The State of the City address will be available for viewing on Comcast channel 8, on YouTube, or by visiting the KBRI-8 web page on the city's website.



BRIGHTON PHOTOS BRONCOS PEP RALLY 2/5/16



Brighton cemeteries offering payment plans

Elmwood and Fairview Cemeteries are now offering payment plans for pre-need customers. For more information, please stop in the Elmwood office at 14800 Brighton Road or call 303-655-2060.



Got snow? Make sure your water meter pit is clear!

It's that time of year...snow season! As homeowners, you already know that excessive snow and ice on your property can be a hassle. What you may not know, is that snow and ice covering your water meter pit can affect how your water bill is calculated.



Why should you care?

- We use a touch-read system to gather monthly water usage; meaning they have to touch the meter pit lid with their instrumentation.
- If snow or ice are covering your water meter pit lid and we are not able to get a read, your bill will be estimated.
- An estimated read may result in a higher bill than your used to. Adjustments to your future bill will be applied later if warranted. In the meantime, you will need pay the estimated bill to stay current.

What can you do?

- Locate the water meter pit around your home; typically it will be in your front yard, closer to the street.
- Keep your water meter pit lid clear of ice and snow. This will help us retrieve accurate readings and avoid estimates.
- Sign up for the budget billing program. This program will allow you to pay the same amount for your water usage year round. To learn more or to sign up for the program, visit the utility billing counter at Brighton City Hall. Must be the account homeowner and have good payment history to qualify.

For questions or concerns, please call 303-655-2009.

Art in the Park festival coming to Brighton



The City of Brighton will host its first Art in the Park festival from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at Carmichael Park, 650 Southern Street.

This one-day festival will give attendees the opportunity to visit the artist market, meet and talk with artists, enjoy live performances and artist demonstrations, and entertain all with interactive art activities. Culinary Avenue will feature cuisine served by the area's most popular and highly-rated food trucks.

Those interested in attending and artists interested in showcasing and selling their artwork can visit www.brightoncoarts.org/artinthepark for more information and to apply. Artist applications will be accepted through April 20. For more information, contact Arts and Culture Coordinator David Gallegos at 303-655-2176 or dgallegos@brightonco.gov.

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ENTER THE BIG LITTLE IDEA CONTEST. IT’S EASY!

Brighton wants your idea!



**BIG
LITTLE
IDEA**
contest

Submit your idea.

Win \$500 to build your idea.

See the difference you made.

Deadlines for submissions **April 1, 2016.**
For contest rules and to submit your idea, visit
brightonco.gov/biglittleidea



The City of Brighton has brought the Big Little Idea contest back for a second year!

The Big Little Idea contest is a city-sponsored contest that will award \$500 each to six individuals, nonprofits or teams, to create and implement ideas to make Brighton a better place to live, work, play and learn. Contestants are encouraged to show their love for Brighton through their ideas for fun things to do in town or that create “love notes” around the community.

- Big Little Idea contest timeline**
- April 1 – Application deadline
 - April 4 – Judging week
 - April 11 – Winners notified
 - April 19 – Winners recognized at City of Brighton City Council Meeting
 - Dec. 16 – Completion of project due

The six winners will be selected by a judging panel consisting of city council members and appointed city staff. Winners will be selected based on the criteria for originality, connection to the community, and creativity.

Residents can enter online or fill out an entry form at the front desk of Brighton City Hall. For a full list of contest rules, eligibility requirements or to enter online, visit at www.brightonco.gov/biglittleidea. For questions call 303-655-2146.

BRIGHTON POLICE NEWS

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week April 10-16

Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring hope.

Each April, communities throughout the country come together to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This year's theme, “Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope,” underscores the importance of early intervention and victim services in establishing trust with victims, which in turn begins to restore their hope for healing and recovery (Office of Justice Programs, www.ovc.ncjrs.go).

In 2015, the Brighton and Commerce City Victim Services Unit served a combined 3,824 victims. The City of Brighton and Commerce City Victim Services Unit merged in 2014 to increase its services offered to victims. Victim advocate serve victims in both jurisdictions to provide information, support and referrals, comfort, compassion and care to crime victims and their families.

As a community, let’s come together for National Crime Victims' Rights Week to spread awareness, show empathy for those affected each year, and work to promote and advance the cause of justice for victims of crime.

To learn more about the rights and resources offered to victims of crime please visit www.brightonco.gov/312/Victim-Services.

Meet the faces behind Brighton’s crime solvers

The Brighton Police Department Investigations Division investigates all felony-level crimes that occur in the city, processes serious crime scenes, and works with the Adams County District Attorney's Office during the filing of charges and the prosecution of offenders. The investigations division also manages all property and evidence taken in by the department and coordinates the registration of all sex offenders in the city. The investigations division is comprised of one sergeant, six detectives, a civilian investigator, a community resource officer, a crime scene investigator, and a property and evidence technician. One of the detectives from the investigation division is assigned on a full-time basis to the North Metro Drug Task Force. In addition to their regular duties, all of the investigations personnel have auxiliary duties in a number of different roles such as department instructors, explorer advisors, Brighton Employee Charities members, peer support, and more.



Bottom Row left to Right:
Sgt. Matt Domenico, Criminalist Paula Quynn, Detective Katie Arehart, and Corporal Justin Moore
Middle Row left to right:
Detective Rick Stolte, Investigator Roger McCarty, Corporal Mike Payne, and Detective Erica Ruybal.
Top Row left to right:
Community Resource Officer Gail Ashley, Property and Evidence Technician Connie Bartram.

Brighton Police Explorer Update



In January, members of the Brighton Police Department Explorer Post traveled to Chandler, Ariz. where they competed in the 18th Annual Explorer Tactical Competition. More than 50 different agencies and 300 explorers competed at this year's event. The Brighton Explorers took a group of 11 explorers, nine of which have less than a year with the explorer post. Our explorers placed in two different events: second place in the Marijuana Field Raid and fourth place in the Tactical Emergency Medical Support. The explorers worked extremely hard training and fundraising for this competition.

Did you know?

In 2015, the Brighton Police Department had 52,456 calls for service!

March

1	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
5	Spaghetti Luncheon, 11 a.m., Eagle View Adult Center
8	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
10	Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Historic City Hall
14-20	Fix a Leak Week
15	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
19	Eggstravaganza, 12 p.m., Brighton Rec Center
22	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
26	Live at the Armory presents: Kings X, 8 p.m. Armory Performing Arts Center
31	Image Summit, Armory Performing Arts Center

April

1	Day two of Image Summit, Armory Performing Arts Center
5	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
12	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
14	Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Historic City Hall
19	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
25-30	BYC S.P.E.A.K. Week
26	City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
30	S.P.E.A.K. 5K Walk, Carmichael Park



BRIGHTON FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT RECEIVES \$2 MILLION GRANT

The Brighton Fire Rescue District has been awarded a \$2 million grant to construct a new fire station. The grant award is from the state of Colorado Energy and Mineral Impact Assistant program administrated through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

The Fire District plans to replace its fire station located at 27th Avenue and Bridge Street with a new station at Bridge Street and Tower Road. The existing station was built in the 1970s, and lacks adequate space for staff and equipment. The new station will also be better located to serve the existing response area as well as the rapidly growing area in the northeast section of the fire district.

The \$2 million award from DOLA is the largest possible amount that can be awarded through the assistance program. The process included an extensive application submittal and grant hearing presentation. The project review is based on its connection to energy impact, degree of need, measurable outcomes, amount of request, relationship to community goals, level of local match and community support, management capacity, and readiness to go.

The new fire station is expected to begin construction in late spring 2016!

Brighton Fire Rescue offers community CPR class

The community CPR class is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at Station 52 (5 Firehouse Road, Brighton 80603). The fee for the class is \$30 for CPR, \$20 for First Aid, and \$50 for both. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit www.brightonfire.org or call 303-659-4101 x8043 or email dblunt@brightonfire.org. The class is open to the public.

IT’S ALL ABOUT BUSINESS

Let’s get our local businesses online in 2016!

The Brighton Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted by Brighton Economic Development is helping small businesses grow their presence online with Let's Put Our Cities on the Map, a program designed to empower communities to support their local businesses and encourage them to get on the map. Local businesses keep our communities strong; when we help them succeed on the web, they make our communities even stronger.

Let's Put Our Cities on the Map is part of Google's "Get Your Business Online" program and is fast, easy, and a way for small businesses to get online. While 97 percent of consumers look online for local products and services, 55 percent of small businesses do not have a website.

Other new and exciting programs will also be introduced through the SBDC in 2016 including creating a mobile-friendly website for small business, Xero Accounting for small business, and much more.



To find out more on either of these articles, call 303-655-2150 or email tsanchez@brightonedc.org.

BizStart Bootcamp
A Startup program for Brighton Business Owners

Sign up for our BizStart Bootcamp and get started on the right foot for business success. In this program for small business startups you will receive focused attention to help connect you to the best possible resources for your business, including being matched with an SBDC general consultant to help you make the most of the program.

You will be taking classes suited for startup success such as BizStart Academy a four hour class that gives the elements of starting a business from legal structure to business insurance. The BizStart Academy gives you two hours of information and two hours of one on one consulting with six advisors. Your next class is BizModel Workshop an eight hour class that helps you start your business plan/strategy where you identify your business model, customer segments, value proposition, revenue streams and more. The afternoon is spent in a fun group activity where you put a business model canvas together for a mock business; FUN! Your business model canvas is a living document to guide your future business decisions. The third class is an introduction to Xero Accounting Software a software created especially for small business owners that is online, mobile and easy to navigate. Managing your finances is one of the most crucial aspects of creating success in your business and Xero makes it easy.

Solidifying your plan, connecting with the right resources and building a network of advisors will help ensure that your business will end up where you want it to be. Upon completion of the program you will receive a Certificate of Completion and up to \$30 reimbursement for your Brighton Business License.

With the Brighton SBDC, you'll lay the foundation your business will need to succeed.

Big Kids Club

The Brighton Recreation Center is now offering a Bid Kids Club for youth ages 7 to 12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This drop-in childcare program is available for a maximum of 90 minutes for parents using the Brighton Recreation Center's services.

The activities offered at the Big Kids Club include a homework center, games and themed crafts. Parents can relax in their fitness routines knowing their children are being engaged and supervised.

The Big Kids Club is a fee-based program costing \$1.50 per hour to be paid with a punch card. Time will be measured in 15 minute increments and the punch card is reloadable. Punch cards can be purchased at the Recreation Center front desk.

For questions, please contact Assistant Recreation Coordinator for Youth Programs Cara Curtis at 303-655-2209.



Reserve a park shelter!

The City of Brighton is offering reservations at 14 parks shelters in 2016. Parks that will accept reservations include Brighton (4 shelters), Benedict (4 shelters) including the shelter adjacent to the Splash Pad at the Emi Chikuma Plaza, BJAA, Carmichael, Dewey Strong, Donelson, Farmers and Pheasant Ridge.

Reservations for Brighton, Benedict, and Carmichael parks will be accepted for dates May 14 through September 5, with the remaining shelters being reserved June through August. All shelters include access to restrooms, and most include electricity and a grill (bring your own charcoal). Brighton's park shelters are a great way to get family and friends outside to enjoy Colorado's sunniest season.

The fee to reserve a shelter is \$50 for city residents, and \$60 for non-residents for all shelters except the Splash Pad shelter, which is \$70 for city residents, and \$90 for non-residents. There will be one reservation per-shelter, per-day. Reservations must be made two weeks in advance.

Call 303-655-2200 for more information or to book a shelter.

Did you know?
The Brighton
community visited the
Rec 191,190 times in
2015!

Lifeguard Training

The Brighton Recreation Center is offering a lifeguard training from March 21-24. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. every day. The cost is \$150 but for those plan to working for the City of Brighton, we offer the training for only \$75 with the possibility for reimbursement at the end of the summer. For those who are unsure if they can pass the prerequisite swim test, please call 303-655-2213 to learn about our lifeguard prerequisite workshop. We will work with candidates on their swimming ability.

Give it a TRI

Come and get those first time jitters out in our mini-Triathlon. This event is great for beginners to experience the thrill of a Triathlon in a laid back atmosphere.

The mini-Triathlon includes:

- 200-yard swim (8 lengths)
- 6-mile indoor cycle
- 1-mile outdoor run

Max/Min: 5/40
Cost: \$15
Age: 12 and older
Date: 8 a.m. Sunday, April 24



Lil Kickers
& Youth Soccer

Calling all boys and girls! Join the Brighton Recreation Centers Youth Soccer League for fun and skill development. The spring program runs from the beginning of April to May 14. Games are located at Brighton Park and Benedict Park on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lil Kickers are for 4 to 5 year old youth. This program is an introduction to the game of soccer for little ones. Teams are formed with no more than six athletes and games play three-on-three with no goalie. Teams practice on Saturday, 30 minutes before game time. The six-week season is \$35 which includes a team shirt.



The Youth Soccer League is for athletes 6 to 12 year old youth. Teams meet during the week for practices and then come together for games on Saturday. Athletes are taught the basic fundamentals of soccer while developing sportsmanship and team work ethics in a noncompetitive setting. To join the seven week league the cost is \$50 which includes a team shirt.

All teams are coached by volunteers. Coaches will receive a household credit equal to 100 percent of their participant's fees.

If interested in coaching, please contact the Brighton Recreation Center Sports Coordinator Amanda Aburto at 303-655-2203. To register, please call the Brighton Recreation Center at 303-655-2200 or stop by at your convenience to register in person.

C.A.R.A. Tennis

Join the Brighton C.A.R.A. Tennis Team and compete in matches against other teams throughout the Front Range. Practice twice a week with coaching that is geared towards each individual. This team is for ages 8 year old to 18, and practices group the same aged players together. Friday matches are scheduled anytime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The tennis team runs for nine weeks starting May 31 and will finish the season late July. Athletes are invited to participate in the state finals the second to last week of July in Boulder if they choose.

The registration fee for the nine week season is \$80 and this includes two practices a week and matches almost every Friday. The tennis team meets from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday for 8 to 12 year old youth and Tuesday and Thursday for 13 to 18 year old youth. Each participant will receive a team shirt to wear to their matches.

For questions, please contact the Brighton Recreation Center Sports Supervisor Carleen Lehr at 303-655-2208.



Summer 2016 Registration Dates for the Brighton Recreation Center

Resident Registration:
In person only
April 14 at 7 a.m.
(within legal Brighton City limits with proof of residency)

Open Registration:
In person only
April 15 at 7 a.m.

Online Registration:
Brighton residents: April 14 at noon
Open Online Registration: April 15 at noon

Phone In Registration:
April 16 at 7 a.m.

Did you know?

The City of Brighton has a Brighton Employees Charities (BEC)

The BEC exists to enhance the lives of children and families in the City of Brighton by providing resources to make a positive impact throughout the year.

Several years ago, it became the mission and vision of two City of Brighton employees to help citizens in the community by providing them with warm coats. Seeing the overwhelming need, the employees set out to expand their efforts and provide Christmas presents to children. At the same time, the Police Department was doing a similar program with the Christmas Crusade. This shared vision and similar programming eventually led to the merging of both efforts into one program, strengthening the resources available to the Brighton community.

Programs

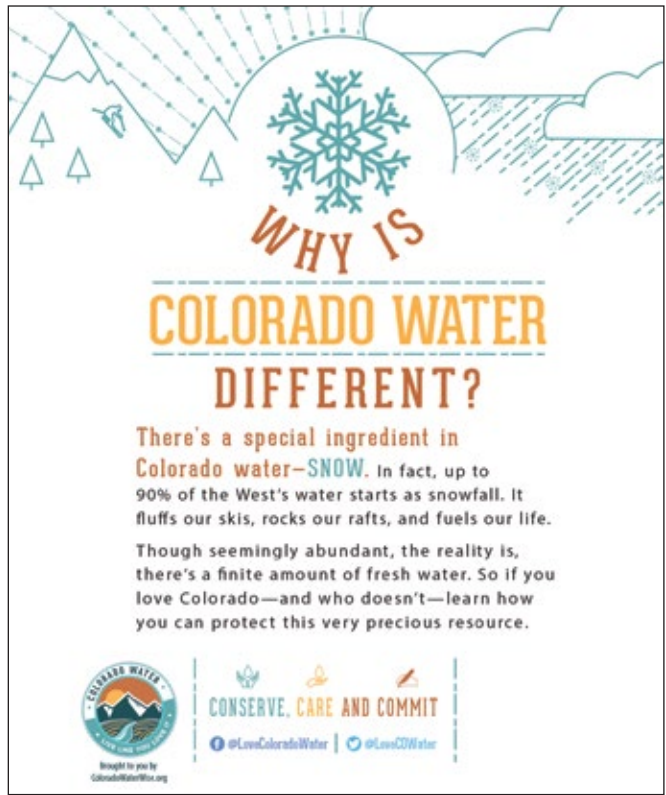
- Coats for Kids
- Holiday gift giving
- Food baskets
- Socks, hats and gloves
- Senior food outreach
- Food to food banks

Vision

To focus on small town values and belief in helping our neighbors. We rely on contributions by both the City of Brighton employees and community partnerships to fund this program.

Your donations help to make a difference in the programs that we can provide to the citizens of Brighton. If you would like to help with the programs in 2016, please contact Brenda Ocanas at 303-655-2304 or Sheryl Johnson at 303-655-2042.

Community Partners: Adams County, CH2MHill, Costco, De Foe Roofing, Garney Construction , Inglenook, King Soopers, Kmart , O'Neal Flat Rolled Metals, Staples, SteelCon, Target, Valley Bank , Vestas, Walgreens, WalMart.



BYC's S.P.E.A.K Week

April 25-April 30

By: Brighton Office of Youth Services

The Brighton Youth Commission is a group of dynamic youth and adults commissioned by the City of Brighton who develop ideas and put concepts into motion that support a more youth and family-friendly community. The BYC works both with the city and independently to improve Brighton for all its residents, especially youth; providing young people with the opportunity to be a voice for change in their community and creating an environment beneficial to both personal and leadership development.



Since 2012, the BYC has planned S.P.E.A.K. (Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness, and Knowledge) Week to promote awareness in the community about the warning signs of suicide and raise awareness of local resources for those who are struggling. In the project's inaugural year, Colorado experienced more suicides than ever before (1,053), and the Brighton community has felt the impact of this statistic personally and profoundly with the 2011 death of Joshua Dillon, a Brighton High School senior.

S.P.E.A.K. Week has experienced tremendous growth and success each year since its inception. We started in two schools, and were in seven in our third year. This year, our fifth year, we are aiming to have participation from nine schools.

The week will culminate with a 5K Walk beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30 in Carmichael Park. Participants will be treated to a concert by a well-known act following the walk.

For more information and registration visit www.brightonyouthcommission.org.

Brighton Historic Preservation Commission

working to save sugar factory

By: Brighton Historic Preservation Commission

The Brighton Historic Preservation Commission (BHPC) shares their enthusiasm for saving one of Brighton's treasured places, the former Great Western Sugar Company complex. Saved by Amalgamated Sugar Company with its purchase in 1985, the main factory building is now scheduled for demolition in early spring due to health and safety concerns from asbestos and deterioration.

The site was placed this month on Colorado's Most Endangered Places List. The list is a signature initiative of Colorado Preservation, Inc. and they are working with BHPC to save the treasured place through historical documentation and actively seeking investors for a possible rehabilitation project.

Find out more at coloradopreservation.org/2014-list-colorados-most-endangered-places/gws.

For additional information, contact Robin Kring 720 254-6134.

Photo: left to right Brighton Historic Preservation Commissioners, Pat Reither, Robin Kring, and Cheri Lopez

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KEEP IT GREEN, KEEP IT CLEAN

Did you know?

The Brighton community recycled 280 Christmas trees in 2015 to be turned into mulch!

New dog waste bag dispensers coming soon!

In an effort to encourage pet owners to comply with the City ordinance to clean up after their pets, the parks and recreation department will begin phase one of our dog waste bag dispensers.

The recreation department plans to install units that have signage regarding cleaning up after pets, bag dispensers and waste baskets that are all in one contained unit. The city is currently using a bag dispenser on a post.



Installation is expected to begin the spring once the ground is thawed for digging and concrete can be poured to install the posts.

Parks programs

Did you know the city offers several programs that allow you to help keep Brighton beautiful? Here are a few ways you can help:

Adopt-A-Park Program: The main purpose of the program is to assist city maintenance crews with litter pickup and small projects within a particular park. Tasks include litter pickup, graffiti/vandalism reporting, weeding/raking playgrounds, sweeping shelters and mulching trees & shrubs. Some tasks/projects are not available year-round and may only be available at specific parks.

Adopt-A-Trail Program: The purpose of this program is to assist city maintenance crews in litter control along the bike/pedestrian trails. Adopters are responsible for litter control along their section of trail (usually 0.5 to 1.0 miles long) at least two times per month, or as often as possible, in warm months and as weather permits in the cold season.

Plant-A-Tree Program: The Plant a Tree Program enables Brighton citizens to donate trees to the City. Trees may be planted in any park or trail that the Brighton Parks & Open Space Department takes care of. The donator will be able to choose from a list of approved tree species which will be provided through the Brighton Forestry Department. Most trees will cost the donator approximately \$150 for a two-inch caliper deciduous tree (leaves drop), or a five to six foot coniferous tree (evergreen). Some pine trees such as the Limber and Bristle Cone may be a little more expensive.

To participate in any of these programs, contact the Parks & Open Space office at 303-655-2054. Learn more by visiting www.brightonco.gov/324/Special-Parks-Recreation-Programs.

Spring into Garden In A Box

The City of Brighton's Utilities Department has partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation's Garden In A Box program. Through this partnership, City of Brighton utility customers can receive a \$25 discount off of water-wise garden kits while supplies last. Gardens will be available for purchase March 1.

Regardless of expertise, community members can save water and beautify their properties by purchasing a professionally designed perennial garden that uses Xeric (low water) plants, and includes a comprehensive plant and care guide.

The program provides a significant water conservation tool in the



form of a plant by number garden kit. Affordably priced, these professionally designed gardens improve the beauty and water efficiency of any landscape, especially when used to replace turf. When Xeric gardens replace existing turf, the water savings are especially significant, reducing water use by up to 50 percent.

Gardens are available to pre-order through the Garden In A Box, visit www.conservationcenter.org/gardens. Gardens will be available for purchase March 1.

Garden In A Box pick up will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at Historic City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Brighton, CO 80601.

For more information, call 303-655-2127.

2016 Tree Program

Purchase Reasonably Priced Trees

Trees are available for purchase through the City of Brighton for the low price of \$59.68. The City buys trees from the Colorado Tree Coalition (www.coloradotrees.org) and sells them back to the community at cost. The purpose of this program is to encourage tree planting and tree diversity within Brighton city limits.

LARGE SHADE TREES



Hackberry
7-gallon Air-Pruned
Container
Drought tolerant, pH tolerant,
good shade tree.

\$59.68



Bur Oak
7-gallon Air-Pruned
Container
Tolerant of clay soils and high
pH, very drought tolerant, corky
bark, good winter interest.

\$59.68



SMALL ORNAMENTAL TREES



Chanticleer Pear
7-gallon Air-Pruned
Container
White flowers, small insignificant
fruit, upright growth habit.

\$59.68



Bigtooth Maple
B&B
Native to Colorado, drought
tolerant, pH tolerant.

\$59.68



Hot Wings Maple
15-gallon Air-Pruned
Container
Drought tolerant, pH tolerant,
samaras (seeds) turn bright red
in summer.

\$86.80



Eastern Redbud
7-gallon Air-Pruned
Container
Tree needs some protection.
Great spring color, pink flowers.
Heart-shaped leaves.

\$59.68



Treelilac
7-gallon Air-Pruned
It produces large clusters of small
creamy-white, fragrant flowers.

\$59.68



- Seven species available; Trees are selected specifically for Brighton's water demands and soil conditions.
- Program is to encourage tree planting, species diversity and water conservation.
- Trees must be planted within Brighton city limits, on public right-of-way or on private property.
- Limit of three trees per household.
- Master Gardeners will be on site to answer any questions during tree pick-up.
- Most trees are 30 –50 pounds and are 5-7 feet tall.
- Participants must make arrangements to pick up and plant their own trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering.
- If you are looking for larger trees, or other plant material, remember to support your local Brighton nurseries!
- Due to the wholesale pricing of these trees NO warranty is available.
- Trees will be reserved ONLY when full payment is received.
- PAYMENT is NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Tree Pickup will be mid-April 2016– (You will be notified for exact date and time).
- Limited supply, please call first for availability!
- Pickup trucks or trailers are best for transporting these trees. Please make sure you can safely transport these trees.
- To place an order, please fill out and return an application form along with a check made out to the City of Brighton.

Applications may be found online at www.brightonco.gov/TreeProgram. Please call 303-655-2054 with any questions.

EAGLE VIEW ADULT CENTER NEWS

1150 Prairie Center Parkway | 303-655-2075

Eagle View Adult Center is dedicated to the overall social, educational, outreach and wellness needs of seniors and active adults.

Help for Homes returns for 11th year

Home Owners

Help for Homes (HFH) brings volunteers and neighbors together to perform yard work, paint or fix-up homes needing minor exterior repairs. If you are in need of small fix-ups or painting for your home, you may qualify depending on your income level, if you own your home, are age 60 or older, or are permanently disabled. Once approved, materials and labor will be provided to get those repairs done. This is a community project where neighbors pitch in to improve their neighborhood AND IT IS FREE, if you qualify. Applications are available by calling Ernie or Sue at 303-655-2075. You can also pick up an application beginning Feb. 22 at the Eagle View Adult Center, 1150 Prairie Center Parkway. Home owners needing assistance can submit applications through Wednesday, March 23. 15-20 homes will be selected. The event will take place on May 14.



Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday, May 14. You can put together a team of 8-10 friends, family and co-workers, or join a team that is already helping. If you can scrape, paint, do yard work or perform minor home repairs, we need you... your neighbors need you!! Call Sue at 303-655-2075 for volunteer applications.

Help for Homes is jointly sponsored by Brothers Redevelopment Inc, and the City of Brighton. Funding provided by the Legacy Foundation.

Spaghetti Luncheon

**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 7**

For the last 27 years, the Eagle View Adult Center has hosted this great community event! Young and old are invited to join. All proceeds benefit our Senior Games Team. Tickets now on sale! \$7 adults, \$4 children 12 & under. Advanced purchase requested but you can pay at the door.

Call 303-655-2076 for more info.



Did you know?
Since 2006, 194
homes have been fixed
up through HFH
volunteer efforts!

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT, BE ABOUT IT! JOIN A COMMISSION.

To apply for any City board or commission, please visit the City's website at www.brightonco.gov to find current openings and download the application or contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-655-2056 with questions.

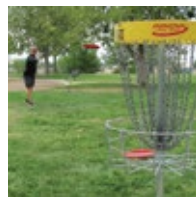
Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board to City Council on land use matters. It conducts public hearings to receive testimony from members of the community on applications for developments. Recommendations are made to City Council regarding zoning, preliminary plats and variances in the City of Brighton and its environs. It also advises on the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Code amendments. Terms of office are four years and meetings are held at City Hall at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board prioritizes and makes recommendations to City Council on various community needs and works with the City's Parks and Recreation Department by providing input regarding parks, trails, open space, and recreation programs and facilities. Terms of office are four years and meetings are held at the Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.



The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board include two members with a special knowledge of and/or experience with farming and agricultural land preservation.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission reviews resources designating historic sites, reviews and makes decisions on alterations of historic sites, assists owners of historic properties on physical and financial aspects of historic preservation and develops and assists in public education programs to historic preservation. At least 40 percent of commission members shall be professionals in preservation-related disciplines such as architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, archaeology, history, planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography or cultural anthropology. Recognizing that professionals may not be available in some communities, this requirement can be waived if the local government makes a good faith effort to recruit professionals and demonstrates that it is capable of carrying out commission responsibilities. Terms of office are four years and meetings are held at Historic City Hall at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.



Brighton Youth Commission

The Brighton Youth Commission (BYC) is a body of 20 youth and 6 adults that are appointed by City Council to study and investigate matters impacting youth in The City of Brighton and implements projects addressing these matters. The Commissioners go through an application process and are selected based on leadership, commitment, and desire to make an impact in their community. They are representatives for the City and their specific schools. The Commissioners meet at Historic City Hall on the first and third Thursday of every month, serve at community events, and host special service projects throughout the year. Commissioners serve a two year term. Applications are always being accepted at the City of Brighton's office of youth services and interviews are held every year in May.



Brighton Urban Renewal Authority

The Urban Renewal Authority administers program funds, including tax increment financing; eliminates blighted areas for other purposes including redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation and construction of improvements in accordance with state and federal regulations. Terms of office are five years and the Authority meets at 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month at Brighton City Hall.



Brighton Housing Authority

The Brighton Housing Authority was created to assure quality service to the Brighton Housing Authority clients and desires to obtain information and opinions from passionate members of the community who have interest, expertise and knowledge that could be utilized in decision making for the operations of the Authority. Terms of office are five years and meetings are held at Historic City Hall at 4 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.



Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee serves as an advisory board to City Council as to the development of policies for the implementation, support and use of revenues from the lodging tax for economic development, special events, cultural arts facilities, advertising and marketing, promotion of tourism and other related activities. Terms of office are three years and meetings are held at City Hall at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.



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